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The Comptroller General
5th and F Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In our letter of 30 July 1946, we requested that you establish a working fund to assist in carrying out the President's wishes in regard to foreign intelligence activities. We proposed in that letter to authorize the Director of Central Intelligence to direct the administration and fiscal supervision of such a working fund upon its establishment. With approval of the Treasury Department and the Comptroller General, Working Fund, War, General, 1947, has been constituted and has been assigned the symbol number 2175900.

In order to comply with the Presidential Directive of 22 January 1946 that the Director of Central Intelligence perform such services of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determines can be more effectively accomplished centrally, we now on behalf of the Departments we represent, and in our capacity as members of the National Intelligence Authority, authorize the Director, subject to policies established by the National Intelligence Authority, to control, supervise and administer this working fund with full powers in respect thereto as would otherwise have been exercised by us over the funds contributed to the working fund by our respective Departments, including the powers and authority granted by the Military

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Appropriation Act, 1947, and the Naval Appropriation Act, 1947, approved July 8, 1946 (Public Law 492 - 79th Congress), pertaining to certificates of expenditures and determinations of propriety of expenditures.

The Director of Central Intelligence and his authorized representatives shall arrange with your Departments such procedures, practices and controls as are necessary to meet your requirements, and the Working Fund, War, General, 1947 shall be subject only to the immediate control of the Director in accordance with policies established by the National Intelligence Authority.

/s/ Dean Acheson
Acting Secretary of State

/s/ Robt. P. Patterson
Secretary of War

/s/ Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy

/s/ William D. Leahy
Personal Representative of
the President on N.I.A.

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